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FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5906

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TAGS: CARR, MX

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EMDAP FUNDS

1. CONOFF LEARNED DURING A VISIT TO SANTA MARTA WOMEN'S PRISON THAT ONE AMCIT INMATE HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO HEPATITIS THROUGH CONTACT WITH HER INFECTED HUSBAND. SHE HAS BEEN VACCINATED WITH GAMMA GLOBULIN BY THE PRISON DOCTOR, ALTAMIRANO.

2. CONOFF SPOKE WITH PRISON DIRECTOR, PROF. MARIA ELENA RAMIREZ FERNANDEZ, ABOUT FEASIBILITY OF VACCINATING ALL OTHER AMCIT INMATES WHO SO DESIRE INNOCULATION. DR. ALTAMIRANO HAS INDICATED HE FEELS THIS IS DESIRABLE, HOWEVER, THE PRISON HAS NO GAMMA GLOBULIN AVAILABLE IN THE REQUIRED QUANTITY.

3. CONOFF HAS INTERVIEWED AMCIT INMATES AND 19 HAVE EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR INNOCULATION AND WILLINGNESS TO PAY FOR THE SERVICE.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT 35 DOLLARS BE AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF GAMMA GLOBULIN AND DISPOSABLE SYRINGES. COST ESTIMATE OF 35 DOLLARS IS BASED UPON TELEPHONE ESTIMATE GIVEN BY SANBORNS PHARMACY WHICH  
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EMBASSY NURSE SUGGESTED AS BEST LOCAL SOURCE.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT 35 DOLLARS BE AUTHORIZED ON A GRANT BASIS IN VIEW OF EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF PAPERWORK THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO RECOVER THE COST THROUGH REIMBURSEMENT BY INMATES. LUCEY

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